GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:339
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2001
NHRC REPORT ON ATTACKS ON MINORITIES
T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has received reports from various State Governments on the action taken to protect the interests of minorities in their States;

(b) if so, the action taken by the NHRC on the said reports;

(c) whether the NHRC propose to convene a meeting of senior officials of the Central and State Governments to formulate action plan to prevent such incidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.339 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH M/ 2001.

(a) to (d): The National Human Rights Commission(NHRC) has written to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations reiterating the need to maintain communal harmony and follow the guidelines issued by the Central Government to promote communal harmony among different sections of the society. The NHRC has received reports from all except ten States and three Union Territories on the action taken to protect the interest of minorities in their States.

There is no proposal at present by NHRC to convene a meeting of Senior Officials of the Central and State Governments.